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THE REPUBLICAN TICKET.

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U. S. Senator—Howard Sutherland of Randolph.
Congress, First District—Thos. W. Fleming, Fairmont.

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Walter, Ellason, Fairmont.

B. S. Hutchinson, Union district.

Co. Surveyor—Thos. E. Minnear, Annabelle, Lincoln Dist.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 2, 1916.

"America First and America Efficient"

This has certainly been a great campaign for libel suits. If the suits were brought in good faith they'll be fighting over the issues and the incidents of 1916 in the courts for many a long day. But it is the verdict of next Tuesday that the public is interested in.

That attack on Cornwell's record by the leaders of organized labor in the state seems to have cut through. At all events pretty nearly all that is left of the Democratic organization is busily engaged in trying to neutralize the effect upon the wage earning voters of West Virginia.

A SAMPLE BENEFIT.

"QUESTIONABLE CAMPAIGN METHODS,"

a pamphlet put out by the Democratic County Executive Committee, says Marion county paid into the state treasury \$56,786.61 more money in the year 1915 than the year 1912. Admitted for argument's sake. It then challenges any one to point to any more benefits to the county in 1915 than in 1912.

A wayfarer man though a fool can point to the expenditure of \$173,500 for the new Normal School buildings and grounds. And be it remembered that \$48,500 of that amount was paid to local parties for the ground. Marion county boasts of the best school building in this state.

A Pittsburgh girl who was attacked by a man managed to escape after he had grabbed her throat by vigorously kicking him. Score one for short skirts. They have enabled the girls to find out that they have legs.

A bunch of theatrical men have bought the Boston American baseball team which. It probably will be remembered, won the W. K. World series recently. Wonder why the real baseball men are trying to get out of baseball while the rank outsiders are trying to get in?

THE FLOPPER.

If we were to believe all that we read in Democratic state newspapers it would lead to the sad conclusion that the Republican party has about melted away and run into the Democratic party. It certainly has been an awe-inspiring political metamorphosis, and when you come to analyze its personality, it makes a sorrowful procession, indeed. Just look at it:

Jim Marcum, of Cabell county, who was once elected to the State Senate as a Democrat and flopped in the middle of his term, for reasons best known to himself. Afterwards wanted to be game and fish warden; didn't get the job; is now "out for Cornwell."

Asbury Parsons, of Mason county, formerly of Jackson, a man of property, who eschewed Democracy in 1896 because he got frightened at the free silver craze and was afraid the value of his holdings would be reduced fifty per cent, turned first to be a gold Democrat; then a Republican. Before he got his new political seat fairly warmed, he began to yearn for the judgship of his circuit, and the Republicans were charitable but foolish enough to let him have it. Now he has forsaken us.

Taylor Vinson, chronic disturber of the political peace, ex-Democrat, who, it is alleged upon good authority, wanted to be a railroad commissioner at fifteen thousand per. He has bidden us a glad farewell and the Republican heart is almost broken.

J. W. Dawson, ex-Democrat; at one time a defeated candidate on the Republican ticket for the office

of commissioner in the City of Charleston; a man whose soul is eternally filled with longings for publicity and notoriety. J. W. was one of the latest to revel in the political spot-light, and great heavens! how he enjoyed it!

James H. Huling, Democrat; Republican; Progressive; now a Democrat again. Eccentric and accommodating gentleman when it comes to adjusting his politics.

Mike Matheny! Well, Mike is a joke, and "his loss is our eternal gain."

THE POOR FUND MYSTERY.

EVEN those people who in the face of all that they see about county affairs believe that the administration of them is honest would have to admit that there ought to be a change on the ground of extreme incompetency if they but took the trouble to make an investigation.

No corporation with gross operating expenditures of \$600,000 per year would think of placing its affairs in the hands of men who not only did not know how to keep a straight record of their transactions, but apparently could not themselves keep track of what is going on from day to day. Yet that is precisely what the taxpayers of Marion county do.

In the last published financial statement of the county orders bearing the following numbers were purposely or inadvertently omitted:

230	478	490	1490
231	479	900	1491
232	480	1480	1492
233	481	1481	1493
234	482	1482	1494
471	483	1483	1806
472	484	1484	1808
473	485	1485	1875
474	486	1486	2060
475	487	1487	1438
476	488	1488	2697
477	489	1489	2698

But even more mysterious than these missing orders is the case of the poor farm expenses. In a political pamphlet issued for the ostensible purpose of answering some charges regarding the financial affairs of the county made by the Republican county committee early in the campaign the following paragraphs were printed:

In 1915 live stock to the value of \$737.70 and butter and eggs amounting to over \$200 have been sold and the money paid into the poor fund. There are other incomes from various sources beginning to accrue in 1916, showing the investment [the investment in the farm and the buildings upon it] to be highly profitable to the taxpayers of Marion county.

In 1910 with a population of 42,794 inhabitants it cost the taxpayers of Marion county \$9,488.52 to keep and maintain their poor; whereas in 1916 with upwards of 60,000 inhabitants, an increase of 42 per cent, with present up to date comforts and facilities and increase in commodities it cost the taxpayers \$14,835.20 less the earnings of the poor farm which will greatly reduce the amount.

That seems straight enough as far as the figures are concerned, but in Wednesday's issue of the Fairmont Times the following was printed:

Republicans are circulating literature to the effect that it costs more to keep the inmates of the county home in that institution than it does to board in a hotel in the city. They state that the operating expenses of the home for the year was \$14,835.20, less \$737.70 for the sale of cattle and \$200.00 for butter sales.

The fact of the matter is that the sales from cattle amounted to \$121.70. At the farm there are 26 head of cattle from six months to two years old. The average value is \$35 per head. There are three fine colts two years old worth \$139 per head. The farm has thirty-five head of hogs. There is also a fine lot of poultry. Besides there are 400 bushels of oats in the bins, 1,600 bushels of corn, 240 bushels of potatoes besides all kinds of vegetable to feed the inmates of the home.

Were Manager Sturm to sell off these things at market price he could deduct the cost of maintaining the home and have a considerable balance to show.

Manifestly the great problem of the present campaign is, where is most of the fourteen thousand odd dollars of the taxpayers' money that is paid out on account of the poor going? Any way you take it and no matter how charitable an interpretation one wants to put upon the matter, there is something radically wrong here and it is time for the taxpayers to act.

According to dispatches in the Pittsburgh papers Clarksburg is about to launch a big citizens movement to secure a new and competitive railroad. After all the things the Baltimore and Ohio has done for that town to the prejudice of other towns in this section of the state, that seems like ingratitude.

Even if the coal car famine does hang on most of the winter that advance in the pay of miners will make money more plentiful in this town. Now let the merchants lay themselves out to keep that money at home instead of permitting it to go to the mail order houses and the merchants in the big cities.

The figure per acre at which the leasehold of the Pittsburgh vein coal owned by the Dakota Coal company went ought to be encouraging to the folks who got caught in the Thompson crash and have been hoping against hope ever since.

Marion county has been losing by death an unusually large number of prominent people within the past few days.

That Mannington line will be about the best piece of traction property in this section of the state by the time present plans for its improvement are worked out. The people who use it ought to be pleased.

SHORT AND SNAPPY.

Rumania entered the war to realize her "national aspirations;" and the Germans entered Rumania to relieve their natural exasperations.—Uniontown Evening Genius.

Having galvanized the property into new life, President Gray will now electrify the tracks of the Western Maryland over the Blue Ridge mountains.—Connellsville Courier.

Listening to some political orators recalls the fact that this is chestnut season—and that some of the chestnuts are wormy.—Wheeling News.

Whose is that drooping figure in the midnight-hued hallways of woe, weeping like Niobe over the announcement that Virginia goes dry tomorrow? Whose could it be but that of Southern Hospitality?—New York World.

Editorial Comment

on Current Subjects

THE HIGH COST OF LIVING.

From the Chicago Herald.

The second plank of the Democratic platform of 1912 was devoted to the high cost of living. Among other things, it said: "We charge that excessive prices result, in large measure, from the high tariff laws enacted and maintained by the Republican party and we assert that no substantial relief can be secured for the people without import duties on the necessities of life are materially reduced."

Well, the duties on everything were materially reduced and yet the cost of living is higher today than ever. Nor did prices show any decline during the ten months' operation of the Underwood law before the war broke out.

Our importations have greatly increased, but there has been no reduction in prices, either of these importations or of the goods with which they compete. What saving there might have been in reduction of duty has been added in greater profit to the importer. The Democratic platform adopted this year at St. Louis under these circumstances very naturally makes no reference to the high cost of living, but the Democratic text book does devote a couple of pages to the subject and does try to get comfort out of the statement, whether true or not, that prices in the United States at present are lower than those in the countries at war.

As prices in the United States are at the highest level ever known, except in time of war here at home, and as such prices have been increasing ever since the Democratic party came into power, and under the operation of the present tariff law, one wonders just what is the Democratic explanation. The fact to emphasize is that, contrary to the promises of the Democratic party, they did not reduce the cost of living by reducing import duties; for we had nearly a year's experience of normal world trade before the war broke out, and as we are importing more than ever before in our history, in spite of the war, one does not quite understand the Democratic argument that higher prices here are due to the war, because we are buying more than ever before, and if the importation of competitive products is supposed to reduce the price, then that Democratic doctrine becomes exploded and laid away with many other such fallacies.

The fact remains, which is greater than any theory, that the cost of living is higher under near-free-trade than it was under protection, and one reason for such a condition is that the loss of revenue, because of our present low tariff, has compelled the imposition of direct taxation to such an enormous extent that this taxation must ultimately appear in the prices of the necessities of life. The income tax, the Corporation tax and the stamp taxes have made it necessary for those who have been taxed to pass it along to the ultimate consumer; and the effect of the additional taxes which have been imposed by the revenue law passed at the end of the recent session of Congress is already apparent in prices, which are soaring now day after day. There is not a day but what the newspapers chronicle some advance in the prices of the necessities of life. It may be a breakfast food or it may be an article of clothing; it may be building material or it may be fuel; but day after day and week after week prices are being increased upon articles of daily and necessary consumption.

This must be the case when almost everyone is burdened by the load of direct taxation, as is the case at the present time. For let it be thoroughly understood that all taxation, so far as possible, is passed along to the ultimate consumer of food and drink, the wearer of clothing and the seeker of shelter. The man who smokes the cigar, the man who drinks the glass of beer, the child who loves candy, the woman who loves flowers and personal adornment, every person, whether buying a luxury or a necessity, is paying the tax that was imposed somewhere along the line, either upon the article itself or upon the producer and

seller. Therefore, the article or the manufacturer, or the distributor, makes the ultimate consumer pay the tax to the government, a tax which should be paid in large degree by foreign producers for the privilege of selling their goods in our markets in competition with the products of our own people.

Next to idle mills and idle men, the most pernicious feature of free trade is this method of direct taxation, which becomes a burden to all and which must be paid for by the people themselves in the end.

RUFF STUFF

BY RED.

Good afternoon! Any more Americans killed through the night or morning?

That money bet posted at the Manley proved to be easy pickins'. There was a bet there of \$800 to \$1,000 for Wilson. A Republican yesterday entered the place and handing out two thousand dollars asked for the \$1,600 on Wilson. He got it.

But other money taken in by Republicans could not get placed.

Also guess you noticed in The Times this morning that the State Federation of Labor has denounced Kounssion.

The money being bet on Glover at the Manley ought not to be taken as there have been 300 Alabama negroes imported which according to one good old Democrat will vote five times each to show that they can help run the whites out of this section.

Shall we let the Alabama voter pass judgment on matters in this state for us, especially when he is being paid to do so?

Our heart bleeds for some of the Alabama negroes if they try to vote unless they are legally entitled to.

And this they are not.

Britannia Rules the Waves. (In the Irish sense perhaps.)

As a city official once said, "We can't do anything against the liquor traffic; the powers that be won't let us." The same is true in the county.

For bootleggers have not been plucked for the past two months which shows the way Sir Walter stands.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO THE VOTERS OF MARION COUNTY.

FAIRMONT, Nov. 2.—[Editor The West Virginian.]—I have always voted the open Democratic ticket but when a candidate who is running for a high office goes through the county putting dollars in the pockets of old soldiers in the effort to influence them to vote for him I repent. When I see the same man turn down the request of more than 150 good men who presented a formal petition on a certain matter I repent. When I see the same man refuse another man the right of free speech, I repent. And there are many other things which I am willing to back up with sworn statements why the voters should vote for Messrs. Veach, Conley, Hamilton, Mason and Minnear.

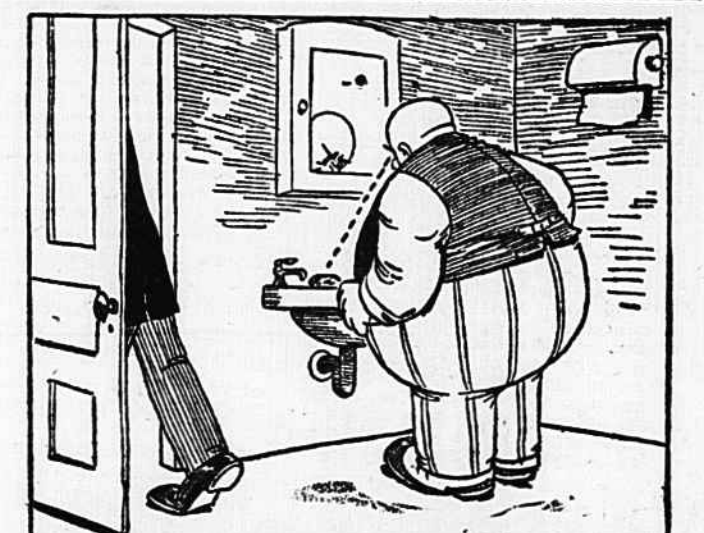
SIMEON DUNN.

EN ROUTE TO PITTSBURGH.

Mrs. Henry Haymond, of Clarksburg, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Clifford Conley, of Cleveland, O., and her daughter, Mrs. B. R. Blackford, of Parkersburg, were here a few hours yesterday the guests of the latter's daughter, Mrs. Edwin Watson, Jr. They went on to Pittsburgh to spend a few days.

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY CONDO.)



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Fashion's Latest Version



From tip to toe lady drew attention to her skillfully attired little self and ably disclosed in how clever a manner she had observed the sign posts along the road to fashion. She was wearing clothing from Jones'.

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Leaders of Fashion

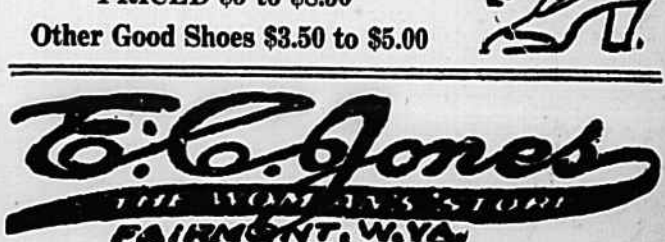
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NEW YORK LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent)

CERTAIN doubting Republicans who forgot their history, forgot that Ohio was "the mother of Presidents" and who displayed extraordinary gullibility in the face of Democratic rainbow chasing, have had all doubts removed regarding the Buckeye State, by the unprecedented reception that state is now giving to Charles E. Hughes, the Republican candidate. Even the New York World official organ of the Wilson administration, is compelled to report that the reception accorded Mr. Hughes at Columbus exceeded even that accorded William McKinley in 1896, that it was unprecedented in the history of the state, and that it was merely the culmination of a day during which all Eastern Ohio appeared to be determined to refute the calumny that Ohio would go Democratic. Inspired by the warmth and extent of his reception, Governor Hughes spoke to the various audiences gathered to hear him with renewed force and vigor and "went after" the Wilson administration in a manner which evoked the utmost enthusiasm. Referring to President Wilson's recent declaration that his administration had delivered the business of the country "from a nervous fear of the courts," Governor Hughes declared that "it is not nervous fear of the courts that troubles American business, but a wholesome dread of vague legislation; of two-faced laws passed by compromising lawmakers, intended to mean one thing to one group and quite another thing to another group, leaving to the courts the difficulties of interpretation—after election." And he said further, "It is fear of vindictive administration by governmental departments, of an Administration which treats businessmen as suspicious characters; of government by hold-up; of the placing of our highest departments on a basis of mere partisan expediency of efforts to secure the votes of this or that group at the expense of the principles of our institutions—it is these which give rise to the anxieties of honest business—not terror of the institutions which administer justice and maintain the stability of the country."

After the War:

The lack of team work between Nation Chairman McCormick and Chairman Hurley of Mr. Wilson's Federal Trade Commission, is truly amazing. Attention has already been called in this correspondence to this discrepancy and to the fact that Mr. McCormick had declared that it was "inconceivable" that any sensible American would believe that the European countries would be in a position to compete with this country after the war. And in the fact of this, Mr. Hurley says, "Europe is awakening her industries. Every effort is being made to attain the highest efficiency in production, the distribution and the use of commodities of all kinds," and that "the war has compelled Great Britain to make thirty years of industrial progress ahead of the Germany we know gross in thirty months," and "the Germany that emerges from the war will be years ahead of Germany we know

Mexicans All Sick:

Whether the cause is the cloying sweetness of the Wilson Mexican policy, or the natural indignation of Secretaries Lansing and Lane, or just the supremely foolish and farcical character of the Wilson Mexican conference is now known, but it is a fact that all the prominent Mexicans who represent the Carranza regime in the United States are "sick." Louis Cabrera, whose interview denouncing the Wilson administration and its "supine official," aroused so much indignation took to his bed yesterday instead of returning.

Elesio Arrandondo, Carranza's Ambassador-Designate in Washington, was sick to go to the State department where he was to have repudiated the Cabrera statement. Whether Secretary Lane was ill or not, he "looked sick" when he undertook to resume the sessions at Atlantic City. That the Carranzistas in Mexico are all sick of Woodrow Wilson and his watchful wobbling they made very clear in the series of interviews they gave the Outlook.

Crush the tax-eating Democratic ring by electing the Republican county officers.

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